Medical aid at Puthenchira.

31. * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties of the people of Puthenchira in the Parur taluk surrendered by the Cochin State to get medical aid;

(*b*) whether any complaints have been received; and

(*c*) whether any action has been taken in this matter?

Dr. S. John: (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) Government have sanctioned the opening of a dispensary at Puthenchira from the 1st Chingom 1121, if a building according to the type design is given free for the purpose by the people of the place.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether the petitioners concerned has been informed of the reply given to my question (*c*)?

Dr. S. John: The Government order was passed only recently. It has not yet been communicated to the petitioners.

President: It has been directed that the order should be communicated to the persons concerned.

State Bank.

32. * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any idea to start a 'State Bank' in the near future; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to consult both the Houses of Legislature, before such a Bank is started.

Mr. S. Ramaswami Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Judges and Government Pleaders.

33. * **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state: (*a*) the number of District Judges, Additional District Judges and Government Pleaders; and

(*b*) the number of Roman Catholics among those officers?

Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*):

(*a*) District Judges 7
Additional District Judges 8
Government Pleaders 12

(*b*) One.

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